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SUBJ: ICAO COUNCIL DECISION TO RECOMMEND INTRODUCTION OF CHINESE AS
WORKING LANGUAGE (CWP6475)

1. EARLY IN CONSIDERATION OF WP, REP OF EGYPT MADE DETERMINED
EFFORT TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO ARABIC LANGUAGE AS WORKING
LANGUAGE OF ICAO IN ASSEMBLY WP. SUGGESTION WAS OPPOSED
BY MOROCCO AND ARGENTINA REPS. JAPAN ASKED CLARIFICATION
RE ARABIC LANGUAGE DECISION AT LAST ASSEMBLY, AFTER WHICH
ISSUE WAS DROPPED.

2. RE CHINESE PROPOSAL, PRES/COUNCIL EXPLAINED THAT CHINESE
INTERPRETATION WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL
MEETINGS DURING 1978-80 IF PROPOSAL ADOPTED BY ASSEMBLY.

3. PAKISTAN PROPOSED FOLLOWING STATEMENT BE ADDED TO ASSEMBLY WP
AS PARA 12 WHICH WAS ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS: QUOTE ON THE BASIS
OF THE FOREGOING, THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT THE ASSEMBLY
ADOPT THE CHINESE LANGUAGE AS A WORKING LANGUAGE OF ICAO;
AND THAT THE CHINESE LANGUAGE BE INTRODUCED IN STEPS, AND THAT
AS THE FIRST STEP PROVISION BE MADE FOR THE USE OF
CHINESE ORALLY AT SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE COUNCIL
BEGINNING IN 1978. UNQUOTE

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4. THERE WAS NO VOTE. MAJORITY OF COUNCIL REPS MADE
STATEMENTS SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL BUT US, USSR, FRG
AMONG OTHERS DID NOT. (DURING DELIBERATIONS US AND OTHERS
ASKED POINTED QUESTIONS REGARDING ACTUAL USAGE
ARRANGEMENTS AND COST.)
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